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SUBJ: ADAM LOPATKA'S INVITATION TO EDWARD MEZVINSKY TO  
ATTEND POLISH LEGAL SEMINAR

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1. THE "SEMINAR OF LAWYERS OF POLISH ORIGIN ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIOTRKOW  
TRIBUNAL", CO-SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF POLISH  
LAWYERS, THE INSTITUTE OF LEGAL SCIENCE OF THE POLISH  
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (PAN), AND THE POLISH ASSOCIATION  
FOR LIAISON WITH POLES ABROAD (POLONIA), IS SCHEDULED  
FOR AUGUST 11 - 17. THE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM WILL  
OPEN WITH LECTURES ON THE POLISH LEGAL SYSTEM, THE  
HISTORY OF POLISH LAW, AND POLAND'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL  
LEGAL BODIES, TO BE GIVEN IN WARSAW AUGUST 12.

2. PARTICIPANTS IN THE SEMINAR WILL THEN DIVIDE  
INTO FOUR GROUPS FOR CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS.  
GROUP ONE WILL TAKE UP LEGAL ASPECTS OF FOREIGN TRADE  
AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. THE PROGRAM FOR THIS  
GROUP INCLUDES CONSULTATIONS IN GDANSK AND MEETINGS  
WITH THE POLISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE POLONIA  
ASSOCIATION IN WARSAW. THE SECOND GROUP WILL STUDY  
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THE POLISH ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE CITY OF PIOTRKOW  
TRYBUNALSKI. THE THIRD GROUP IS TO CONSIDER THE  
ROLE OF LAW IN POLISH PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. PARTICIPANTS  
WILL MEET WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS  
IN LUBLIN. THE FOURTH GROUP WILL LEARN ABOUT THE  
STUDY OF LAW AND LEGAL SCIENCE IN POLAND. DISCUSSIONS  
WILL BE HELD WITH THE LAW FACULTIES OF WARSAW AND

TORUN UNIVERSITIES IN THOSE CITIES.

3. A SIGHT-SEEING PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR SPOUSES WHO ACCOMPANY PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM. THERE ALSO WILL BE CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS. IN ADDITION, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEMINAR AN OPTIONAL TOUR OF POLAND IS AVAILABLE WHICH WILL TAKE PARTICIPANTS TO KRAKOW, OSWIECIM, (AUSHWITZ), RZESZOW, AND LANCUT AUGUST 18 - 26.

4. THE PITCH TO POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS IS AIMED CHIEFLY AT THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE THE MAJORITY OF LAWYERS OF POLISH DESCENT OUTSIDE POLAND LIVE. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF POLISH LAWYERS CLAIMED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT A COUPLE OF HUNDRED LAWYERS IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE SEMINAR, BUT HE NAMED NO NAMES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PAN LEGAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE TOLD ANOTHER EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE ESTIMATED THERE WOULD BE UPWARDS OF 40 FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS AT MOST. THE NAMES OF THE POLISH PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT KNOWN, BUT PRESUMABLY AT LEAST SOME PROMINENT LEGAL FIGURES WILL MAKE AN APPEARANCE.

5. SHOULD MR. MEZVINSKY BE ABLE TO FIT THE SEMINAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTO HIS SCHEDULE, WE SEE NO REASON WHY HE SHOULD NOT TAKE PART. THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS ARE REPUTABLE AND, IF ONLY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT VIRTUALLY ALL THE PARTICIPANTS WILL COME FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES, THE PROPAGANDA CONTENT, IF ANY, WILL PROBABLY BE HELD TO A MINIMUM.

6. DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE ON THE SEMINAR IS BEING POUCHED TO USUN FOR MR. MEZVINSKY'S INFORMATION. SCHAUFEELE

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